Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A method for recovering a failed print task, said method comprising:

initiating a first print task on a computing device, wherein said computing device comprises a plurality of print system components;

sending said first print task to a first component of said plurality of print system components;

sending said first print task to a selected printer that is one of a plurality of printing devices connected by a network;

monitoring with at least one component of said plurality of print system components said first print task for a print task failure;

saving said first print task when a print task failure occurs;

monitoring with at least one component of said plurality of print system components said network for a successful print task, wherein said successful print task is subsequent to said first print task failure;

identifying an alternate printer to which said successful print task was sent; and

sending said saved, first print task to said alternate printer.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said saving and said sending to said alternate printer are controlled by at least one component of said plurality of print system components.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said at least one component of said plurality of print system components is a print processor.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said at least one component of said plurality of print system components is a spooler.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said sending only occurs when said alternate printer is the same printer as said selected printer.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising determining the characteristics of said successful print task and said first print task and comparing said successful print task characteristics to said first print task characteristics to determine the compatibility of said alternate printer for said first print task and wherein said sending only occurs when said alternate printer is compatible with said first print task.

7. (previously presented) A method for recovering a failed print task, said method comprising:

initiating a first print task on a computing device, wherein said computing device comprises a plurality of print system components;

sending said first print task to a first component of said plurality of print system components;

sending said first print task to a selected printer that is one of a plurality of printing devices connected by a network;

monitoring with at least one component of said plurality of print system components said first print task for a print task failure;

saving said first print task when a print task failure occurs;

monitoring with at least one component of said plurality of print system components said network for a successful print task that originates subsequently to said first print task failure from a different computing device than the computing device from which said first print task originated;

identifying an alternate printer to which said successful print task was sent;

analyzing a characteristic of said successful print task to determine the compatibility of said alternate printer; and

sending said saved, first print task to said alternate printer when said alternate printer is compatible with said saved, first print task.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7 wherein said analyzing comprises comparing the characteristics of said successful print task to the characteristics of said first print task.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 7 further comprising comparing the capability of said alternate printer to the requirements of said first print task.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 7 wherein said identifying comprises determining the location of said alternate printer and said analyzing comprises querying said alternate printer for its capabilities and comparing said alternate printer capabilities with the requirements of said first print task.

11. (previously presented) A method for recovering a failed print task, said method comprising:

initiating a first print task on a computing device, wherein said computing device comprises a plurality of print system components;

sending said first print task to a first component of said plurality of print system components;

sending said first print task to a selected printer that is one of a plurality of printing devices connected by a network;

monitoring with at least one of said plurality of print system components said first print task for a print task failure;

prompting a user to prioritize said first print task when a print task failure occurs;

saving said first print task when its priority is sufficiently high;

monitoring with at least one of said plurality of print system components said network for a successful print task, wherein said successful print task is subsequent to said first print task failure;

analyzing said successful print task characteristics to determine the capability of a printer to which said successful print task was sent;

evaluating said printer's capability to determine whether said printer can print said first print task;

prompting said user to choose to reprint said first print task if said printer is capable of printing said first print task; and

sending said saved, first print task to said printer if said user has chosen to reprint said print task.

12. (currently amended) A method for recovering a failed print task, said method comprising:

initiating a first print task on a computing device, wherein said computing device comprises a plurality of print system components;

sending said first print task to a first component of said plurality of print system components;

sending said first print task to a selected printer that is one of a plurality of printing devices connected by a network;

monitoring with at least one of said plurality of print system components said first print task for a print task failure;

saving said first print task;

monitoring with at least one of said plurality of print system components said network for a successful print task, wherein said successful print task is subsequent to said first print task failure;

analyzing said successful print task characteristics to determine the capability of the printer to which said successful print task was sent;

evaluating said printer's capability to determine whether said printer can print said first print task;

modifying said first print task to allow printing on said printer when said first print task cannot otherwise be printed on said printer; and

sending said modified, first print task to said printer.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 12 wherein said modifying comprises emulating at least one element of said first print task in software that would otherwise have been performed by printer hardware.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 12 wherein said modifying comprises emulating page formatting in software.

15. (previously presented) A system for recovering a failed print task, said system comprising:

an initiator for initiating a first print task on a computing device, wherein said computing device comprises a plurality of print system components;

a first sender for sending said first print task to a first component of said plurality of print system components;

a second sender for sending said first print task to a selected printer that is one of a plurality of printing devices that are connected by a network;

a first monitor, wherein said first monitor comprises at least one of said plurality of print system components, for monitoring said first print task for a print task failure;

storage for saving a failed print task when a print task failure occurs;

a second monitor, wherein said second monitor resides in at least one of said plurality of print system components, for monitoring said network for a successful print task, wherein said successful print task is subsequent to said first print task failure;

an analyzer for analyzing said successful print task characteristics to determine the capability of the printer to which said successful print task was sent;

an evaluator for evaluating said printer's capability to determine whether said printer can print said first print task; and

a sender for sending said saved, first print task to said printer if said printer is capable of printing said first print task.

16. (previously presented) A computer readable medium comprising computer executable instructions for performing functions within a print system component, said instructions comprising the acts of:

initiating a first print task on a computing device, wherein said computing device comprises a plurality of print system components;

sending said first print task to a first component of said plurality of print system components;

sending said first print task to a selected printer that is one of a plurality of printing devices connected by a network;

monitoring with at least one of said plurality of print system components said first print task for a print task failure;

saving said first print task when a print task failure occurs;

monitoring with at least one of said plurality of print system components said network for a successful print task, wherein said successful print task is subsequent to said first print task failure;

analyzing said successful print task characteristics to determine the capability of a printer to which said successful print task was sent;

evaluating said printer's capability to determine whether said printer can print said first print task; and

sending said saved, first print task to said printer if said printer is capable of printing said first print task.